



MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

January 2014 – Our next meeting will be held January 16, 7 PM, at the Mayfair Mall community room, lower level. The program will be the inauguration of MNS officers for 2014. There will be time for members to display extended exhibits.

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The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month in the Community Room on the lower level of Mayfair Mall (W. North Avenue at N. Mayfair Road).

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January Coin of the Month

This month we will auction a vintage 3 inch diameter Green Bay Packers celluloid pinback, in virtually perfect condition. Bidding starts at \$5.00 for this fine item.



January 2014 MNS President's Message

Hopefully this first newsletter of 2014 finds you in good spirits and ready to take on a fresh start in the New Year. For those of you that attended last month's Club Christmas party, I hope that it was enjoyed by all. A very special thanks once again to Harry Siaggas for bringing all of the delicious pizzas from Balistreri's.

With the election of officers taking place last month, we are all ready to swear them in at the January meeting for the 2014 membership year. Thank you very much to those that are willing to step up and devote their valuable time to making the Milwaukee Numismatic Society the successful club that it is.

Although it seems like a far ways off, it is time once again to think about the ANA's annual Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs. As in year's past, the MNS provides for both a full scholarship and two partial scholarships to its members. The requirements are pretty simple:

- You need to have been an MNS member for at least three years,
- Have attended at least six (four for partial) MNS meetings,
- Have written an original article for the newsletter (for full only),
- Volunteered at least six hours at the MNS coin show (for full only),
- Brought something to at least three meetings for "Show and Tell" (for full only),
- Write a short bio on your numismatic interests and activities.

All you need to do is apply to be considered. We will have official applications at the next meeting, but if you are unable to attend please let me know and I will make sure you receive a copy. We would like to receive all applications by the February meeting, so that a determination can be given in March (or April at the very latest). ANA course offerings can be viewed on their website at www.money.org.

Again, just another friendly reminder to please pay your MNS membership dues for the 2014 year at the next meeting. At only \$10 it is quite a bargain for the many benefits of membership you receive. You could also consider upgrading to a life membership; just ask myself or Betty if you are interested in this.

All the best and here's looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

Happy Collecting,
Justin J. Perrault
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Editorial Comment: I'd like to once again thank Josh Whitehall for the address labels, Dave Hunsicker for providing stamped envelopes, and my son Armen for helping me stuff them. Also, I want to thank Pam Talmadge of Derzon Coins for her donations of several numismatic items that we have used as door prizes and auction lots. Keeping MNS vital is a team effort and everyone's assistance is greatly appreciated. – *Leon Saryan*

MNS 2014

Schedule

Monthly meetings in 2014 are held at 7 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

Monthly meeting programs

Dec 19:	Holiday Party
Jan 16:	New officer induction
Feb 20:	Open
Mar 20:	Merit Badge Program
Apr 17:	Fred Borgmann: Wisconsin Military Medals Presentation
May 15:	Spring Auction (Dave H)
Jun 19:	Non-numismatic hobbies
Jul 17:	Summer Outing
Aug 21:	Bus Trip to ANA Rosemont Show
Sep 18:	Open
Oct 16:	Raffle drawing
Nov 20:	Auction (Dave H)
Dec 18:	Holiday Party

Annual Dues

Dues for 2014 are \$10. They may be mailed to MNS, PO Box 241174, Milwaukee, WI 53224. Thanks to those who have paid.

PLEASE NOTE:

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, helpers to work at events, and someone to bring refreshments for the meetings. We are also looking for ideas for club outings. MNS will reimburse refreshment expenses up to \$50. To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.785.7663 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make this club a success.

2013 Numismatic Events

Feb. 16, 2014	Wisc. Coin Expo at Oshkosh Convention Center 2 N. Main St. (9-4 PM)
Feb. 23, 2014	NOW/Racine Coin Show Racine's Roma Lodge 7130 Spring St (Hwy C) 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
March 9, 2014	Waukesha Coin Club Show New Berlin Ale House 16000 Cleveland Ave. 9-4 PM (\$2 admission)
April 3-5, 2014	SSCC Coin Show Clarion Hotel 5311 S. Howell Ave.
June 21-26	ANA Summer Seminar Session I
June 28-July 3	ANA Summer Seminar Session II
Oct. 5, 2014	MNS Coin Show Serb Hall, Milwaukee

Refreshment Schedule

Jan:	Dave Herrewig
Feb:	Don Kaminski
Mar:	Open
Apr:	Open
May:	Stu Caddell
Jun:	Open
Jul:	Open
Aug:	Open
Sep:	Open
Oct:	Open
Nov:	Leon Adraktas
Dec:	Holiday Pizza Gang

Milwaukee Numismatic Society Minutes

December 19, 2013

President Justin Perrault called the 942nd meeting of the MNS to order at 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at Mayfair Mall's lower level community room. There were 30 members and 1 guest, Jeff Gaffke, in attendance. President Perrault led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was noted that club member Henry Puzia passed away December 11 in Ft Myers, Florida; he was 88. A memorial will be held in Milwaukee on June 13.

Our annual Holiday Party ensued, thanks to Harry Siaggas (Pizza Man) and all those who brought treats to share!

Door Prizes were won by:

Darlene Anderson

Neil Shafer

Jason Paonessa

Tom Dallmann

Tom Casper

Jeff Gaffke

Elroy Gillis

Henry Jaworski

Stu Caddell

Lillian Kasum

Lee Hartz

Harry Siaggas

Bob Mathieu

Coin of the Month: COTM was a 1970 proof set that sold to Lillian for \$10.00.

Minutes: The minutes for November were accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report: The club took in \$453.75 and spent \$666.92, for a loss of \$213.17

Correspondence: We received the latest issues of the *Numismatist* and the *NOW News*.

ANA Correspondence Course: ANA course materials are now in the club library. Contact Joe Paonessa if interested. This is a great way to increase your numismatic knowledge, and get pretty certificates to hang on your wall to impress your friends.

Newsletter: Leon requests that if you move, please give him your new mailing address.

VP Report: We are always looking for refreshment providers and speakers.

Librarian: Q. David Bowers' book on Civil War tokens has been added to the club's library and Fred Borgmann's book on Medals and Decorations of Wisconsin is on order.

Webmaster: Photos and show calendar have been updated. New and interesting information is always desired.

Old Business: The Racine Numismatic Society is looking for exhibitors for their February, 2014 coin show. Contact Joe Paonessa if you would like to participate.

New Business: As all club officers were running unopposed, and the slate was passed unanimously. The SSCC coin show will be at the Clarion this year and at the Crowne Plaza starting in 2015. Leon is working on book donations to libraries in 2014. ANA summer seminar scholarship applications will be available at the January meeting.

Exhibits: Leon Saryan displayed 2 Armenian items that could be weights or stamp seals and Peter Caddell showed some coins he picked up at an estate sale. Bruce Bartelt showed two nickel coins including one from the ancient nation of Baktria while SSCC showed some FLETC money. Neil Shafer showed a commemorative note from Thailand and Tom Casper rounded out the evening with 1907 panic scrip, a Milwaukee post card and a 100 trillion dollar note from Zimbabwe

A motion to adjourn was made and meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Joe Paonessa.



Henry Puzia

Long-time MNS member, Henry Puzia, 88, of Ft. Myers, FL, passed away on December 11, 2013. Henry is survived by his wife Joyce, and 3 children. He was a first generation American-born child of Polish immigrants. He and his wife operated Club 29 tavern, 2901 W. Burnham St. for over 42 years.

Henry joined the MNS in 1992 becoming member #386. His wife was already a member. Both were active members in the MNS, thrilling members with their culinary skills, until they moved to Florida about 12 yrs. ago. A burial memorial for Henry is scheduled for Friday, June 13, 2014, in Milwaukee. More information on this service will be forthcoming in May.

MNS in the News

Cliff Mishler, MNS member and universally known retired chief at Krause Publications in Iola, mentioned us twice in his recent travel log published in the January 7, 2014 issue of *Numismatic New.* (pp. 38 ff.). Cliff visited both our October 6 show and our November 21 auction meeting. Below are relevant excerpts clipped from his article: (Thanks for the mention!!)

Having spent the rest of September on home turf, next up was a run down to Milwaukee to take in the Milwaukee Numismatic Society's 78th annual show on the first Sunday of October. Joining me for this outing were a trio of Krause alumni; Joel Edler, Randy Thern and Bob Wilhite. Having headed out from home at 8:15 a.m., it was 10:45 a.m. when we arrived at the show.

The aisles of the 75-table bourse at the American Serb Memorial Hall were brimming with attendees. Within an hour traffic in the aisles was thinning perceptibly, as

the noontime kickoff for the Packers-Lions game up in Green Bay approached. At 1 p.m. Joel and I adjourned to a meeting room where the fall board meeting of the Numismatists of Wisconsin convened with president Thad Streeter from Wausau presiding and about 10 officers and board members in attendance.

The meeting was largely concerned with housekeeping issues. The board did receive a report on plans for its 54th annual gathering, which will be hosted in conjunction with the 75th anniversary Racine Numismatic Society show on Feb. 23. Show chairman Bill Spencer reported that a 52-table, 33-dealer bourse is sold out. It was also confirmed that the 55th annual NOW show will be held in Iola on May 15-16, 2015, hosted by the Wisconsin Valley Coin Club. The meeting extended until shortly after 3 p.m., by which time the show was breaking up and the Packers had dispatched the Lions 22-9.



The following Thursday afternoon I got behind the wheel of the Town Car at about 3:30 p.m. for a drive down to Milwaukee to attend the 941st monthly meeting of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society. The 131 mile drive, with a stop for supper at the Cracker Barrel on the outskirts of the metro area, got me to the Mayfair Mall at about 6:30 p.m., where the club meets in a lower level community room at 7 p.m.

Membership attendance at the meeting was about 30, with no guests or visitors. The program was the club's semi-annual fall auction session. Conducted by member Dave Hunsicker, the 43 lots offered commanded relatively spirited and sometimes

jocular bidding. Among the highlights were a 12-piece selection of Canadian nickels of George V from 1922 to 1936, including an example of the George VI 1948 low mintage issue, that went for \$15; a frame of 35 different Las Vegas slot machine tokens, of which 11 were from casinos that are no longer in business, that commanded a bid of \$28; and a copy of Dr. Wallace Lee's Michigan paper money reference that was picked up on a \$30 bid.

2013 Fantasy Numismatics Final Results

Thanks to the great work of MNS member and past president Bruce Benoit (formerly of Milwaukee and now located in Tucson, AZ), the results for the 2013 Fantasy Numismatics are in. We had 11 entries for 2013 and the results are as follows:

- 11th place, Tom Dallmann, with a loss of \$500
- 10th place, Don Kaminski, with a loss of \$65
- 9th place, Leon Saryan, break even
- 8th place, Josh Whitehall, with a gain of \$335
- 7th place, Tom Casper, with a gain of \$800
- 6th place, Ed Fyrnys, with a gain of \$825
- 5th place, Dave Hunsicker, with a gain of \$855
- 4th place, Justin Perrault, with a gain of \$1296
- 3rd place, Bob Burlingame, with a gain of \$2250
- 2nd place, Gary Bieringer, with a gain of \$2500

and the winner is (drum roll, please)

DARRELL LUEDTKE

with a gain of \$12,025 on a \$25,000 investment. Darrell wins a silver round for this amazing performance. Darrell's portfolio included four eighteenth century large cents: the 1793 and 1796 Liberty Cap cents and the 1797 and 1799 draped bust cents, in various circulated grades. Over the course of the year, the 1793 in F-12 more than doubled in value, accounting for almost all of his gain. Great choice, Darrell, and hopefully we can get more participants in 2014.

Instructions, forms, and price guide for 2014 can be obtained from Leon Saryan. Deadline for submission is by the end of our February 20 meeting. For convenience, I will be happy to collect and mail all entries to Bruce in Arizona for evaluation. – Leon S.



Exhibit Awards from our October 5 Annual Show were passed out at the November 21, 2013 meeting. Winners were (l to r) Howard Thorpe (3rd place), Darrell Luedtke (2nd place), and Leon Saryan (best-in-show).



Justin Perrault (l) presents the MNS past-president's medal to Leon Saryan at the November 21 meeting. Leon was MNS president in 2010, 2011, and 2012.